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1. Phenylalanine concentrations in plasma are not the sole predictor of the cognitive and functional outcome of phenylketonuria. (Thesis)
2. Sleep disturbances are present in phenylketonuria patients. (Thesis)
3. Solely the awareness of sex differences is not sufficient to achieve the use of males and females in preclinical research. (Thesis)
4. The contribution of the genetic background of animals is underestimated in the results of preclinical research. (Thesis)
5. The peril of preclinical research is the overestimation of the model.
6. If gene therapy could cure a non-life threatening disease but ethical constraints withhold the development and introduction, more investments should go to proactively challenge these constraints than alternative life-long treatments.
7. The antibody of the synaptic marker synaptophysin is highly suited for pilot studies.
8. Before you count yourself lucky because the experiment mainly involves a diet intervention, you should check how often fresh food needs to be given.
9. If you bet on different horses, you might end up with an unusual group. This doesn't mean that they cannot form a herd.
10. The duration, the commitment, the funding and the media attention makes a PhD-project an Olympic sport.
11. "Research is to see what everybody else has seen, and to think what nobody else has thought" -Dr. Albert Szent-Gyorgyi

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